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Grasping at a Straw.

A Washington special in the Register yesterday gave some details of the grounds upon which Colonel McGraw will protest before the United States senate the right of Senator-elect Scott to take his seat. It was a brief resume of what will be presented by Senator Faulkner to the senate. Without referring extensively to the intense enthusiasm which inspires Senator Faulkner to do his best to carry out Mr. McGraw's initiative for the campaign of 1900, in view of the perfectly harmonious feeling existing between the senator and Mr. McGraw, it is not at all likely that the protest will serve any other purpose.

The grounds upon which the late Democratic candidate charges that Mr. Scott is not legally qualified to take the seat, have often been published, and the public is familiar with them. They have been stated numbers of times by Mr. McGraw himself and by his supporters. The senate will decide the technicalities on which they are based, and every citizen will accept that judgment. But there is one additional allegation made, which is a fearful strain of a provision of the constitution. The objection is that "Nathan Bay Scott was an inhabitant of Washington and not of West Virginia, and that under precisely similar circumstances held that John Bailey, member-elect from Massachusetts, was not entitled to a seat, for, while a citizen of Massachusetts, he was not an inhabitant of that state."

This is one of the most remarkable cases of grasping at a straw that could possibly be imagined. Mr. Scott is temporarily absent from his home in Wheeling while acting in the capacity of Commissioner of Internal Revenue, to which he was appointed by the President. His duties require him to be at the capital of the Nation; in this respect he is in exactly the same position of every senator who sits in the senate chamber, of every member of Congress, of every high official, from the President himself and the members of his cabinet, down to the humblest office holder, whom Mr. McGraw might bring home to vote, in a congressional campaign. If Mr. McGraw would deprive a citizen of West Virginia from representing the state in the United States senate because his duties as a public servant require him to "inhabit" the capital city temporarily during his term of office, he would exclude every citizen of every state who is there in an official capacity, necessarily so, simply while his term lasts.

In the case any senator, whose duties required him to temporarily reside in Washington, by the logic of the claim in the document, he would be ineligible for re-election, if it should come at a time when important legislation required him at that particular hour to be an "inhabitant" of Washington City.

Why should the commissioner of revenues or members of the cabinet be deprived of high honors from their states because of a violent construction of the term "inhabitant"? At any rate, at the time of Mr. Scott's election he was within the boundaries of the state of West Virginia, and he was pretty close to our friend Colonel McGraw's headquarters at Charleston. He wasn't "inhabiting" Washington at that particular time, but the capital of the state of which he is a citizen.

Our Gas Supply and Pittsburgh.

An editorial comment in the Pittsburgh Times on the bill before the legislature of that state designed to preserve our natural gas can be taken two ways. While it may be well intended from a Pittsburgh standpoint, it is a little bit absurd and entirely selfish. The Times is right when it says that the proposal to prohibit the pumping of gas from West Virginia calls attention to the need of "extreme economy" in the use of natural gas, because of the prospects of the ultimate exhaustion of the supply, and in its further reference to the experience of Pittsburgh in not saving the gas, and the lesson learned by western states. But the Times seems to think that possible legislation in West Virginia, designed to economize the use of the gas we are blessed with, is to be for the benefit of Pittsburgh and vicinity, West Virginia herself being of small consequence in the matter.

There is assumption and a natural selfishness in the Times' remark that "Pittsburgh wants West Virginia gas, and probably will be supplied with it, for a long time to come, but a selfish motive will prompt Pittsburgh gas consumers to encourage West Virginia in any legislation that is really designed to save the gas, without throwing interference in the way of obtaining it. Per-

haps Pittsburgh is more concerned than West Virginia, for here is a community almost as populous as the whole of the neighboring state, and with a far greater capacity for consuming fuel gas. Fuel is the life of Pittsburgh. Legitimate legislation on the subject in West Virginia can only meet with an approval and encouragement on this side of the state line."

This is all very nice, and if West Virginia had a surplus of this valuable fuel, enough to supply herself and lots of it going to waste, perhaps her neighbor might be spared a little, just as Pennsylvania spared this community a little of her gas, but the intention is to look after her own need first, under the circumstances above mentioned. If fuel is the life of Pittsburgh it is also the life of Wheeling and other towns and cities and communities here accessible to the gas fields. It is just as important to West Virginia as it is to Pittsburgh. The encouragement of legislation will be duly appreciated, but West Virginia, in such matters, is legislating for herself, and not for a community that boasts that its needs are more important than the producer that produces for its own consumption and values the product just as high.

A Massacre Averted.

The dispatch from General Otis containing a copy of a document issued by an officer of the Filipino insurgent government on the 15th of February, shows to what extent the natives have gone in planning a general massacre of all the inhabitants of Manila, except natives of the Philippines. But for the watchfulness and the power of the American military force the conspiracy, so horrible in its details as given in the manifesto, might have been carried out successfully. Absolute extermination of American inhabitants was the order, and then the American army was to be "exterminated."

It was a boastful document, worded pretty much as Aguinaldo used to word his manifestos against the Spanish troops. The events that are occurring, the developments of contemplated butcheries, the schemes that are concocted only to fail, are contributing to history and are hastening the result which is inevitable, a scattering of the "power" of the bombastic dictator. In the meantime, the United States is forced to hold the situation in check until the problem of government is solved by Congress; if pending this matter, the Filipino leaders, including the chief, can be brought to grief, the problem will not be so embarrassing.

The natives will be glad enough to accept peace and the sort of treatment that this government will give them. Dull as they may be, they are beginning to understand, or at least to suspect, that they are the victims of their chief's ambition, his deceit, his falsehoods, and that they see nothing in it all for themselves, but to fight and die. They will welcome the relief.

Should be Vetoed.

The final passage of the valued insurance policy bill by the legislature was one of the things which should never have occurred. If the governor vetoes the measure he will confer a benefit upon the state, and do a just thing. Such legislation is calculated to keep out of the state first class fire insurance companies and to discourage those within the state, our own institutions, to say nothing of preventing the organization of new companies.

It is well to have wholesome laws prescribing conditions, just and honest, for all institutions doing business in West Virginia, but there is no call for extreme measures that fix conditions under which there is no encouragement for safe and sound companies to do business within the limits of the state, whether instituted by home capital or not. Governor Atkinson will do a simple act of justice to the state, and check the growth of a narrow and illiberal policy if he refuses his approval of the measure referred to.

Neglected a Duty.

While we cannot, with justice, say that a general lack of liberality is shown in the appropriation bills before the legislature, there are some matters which should not be ignored, but which do not seem to have received the recognition they deserve. One of these was the appropriation asked for by the state geologist, Prof. I. C. White, to make the geological survey of the state, in connection with the national geological survey, which offers to co-operate at national expense in the construction of a map showing the resources of the state, something badly needed. The opportunity is one which few states have been given by the federal government, and a serious mistake will be made, if the legislature ignores it, for the matter is one of vital importance in the line of state development.

The honors which are being showered on Gomez down in Mantanzas seems to be having good effect. American troops to receive him on his arrival and escort him to the palace, where he is the guest of the governor, a reception and banquet, must have made the old veteran's heart swell with pride. And now he is to be received with military honors at Havana. General Brooke's courtesies to Gomez will do more to conciliate the Cubans, and to get matters settled and started on the lines mapped out for a future Cuban republic under American protection, than any other plan that might have been adopted.

We trust the house of delegates will reconsider the action it took yesterday when it inadvertently cut the appropriation for the National Guard from \$25,000 to \$10,000. No appropriation at all would be better than what is now given in the house appropriation bill, and we feel sure, from the circumstances of the case, that it was not the intention of a majority of the members of the house to make the cut.

The Republican municipal ticket in Pittsburgh received more than 13,000 majority, which is doing pretty well for an off year in that substantial Republican town.

The member of the Delaware legislature who is the only bachelor in the assembly, is compelled by a resolution of the body to treat the entire membership to an oyster dinner if he isn't married within thirty days. As a result the poor fellow's mail is burdened with ten-

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der missives from hundreds of women, and he is the unhappiest man among all the Delaware statesmen.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

The round dance is a sort of football. The teeth of time are the ones the dentist supplies.

An honest enemy often proves to be a man's best friend.

Solitude frequently surrounds the man who is alone with his thoughts.

Farming pays, but often it only helps to pay the interest on the mortgage.

There is nothing stuck up about the hen. She is willing to remain a lay figure.

At twenty-one a man knows everything; at fifty he wishes he knew something.

Most men have a peculiar way of forgetting the things they should be thankful for.

If you go one mile on the wrong road you are two miles further from your destination.

The president should appoint a commission to negotiate terms of peace between the army officials.

The man who points out our faults may be a true friend, but we feel like kicking him just the same.

Lots of men would never think of trespassing if they didn't see a notice to the effect that it wasn't allowed.

In some sections of Italy bread is made of chestnuts. Some humorists in this country make their bread from the same material.—Chicago Daily News.

THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN.

Good Wishes from the London Times. Our Ministrations in Cuba.

London Times: We imagine that, in spite of the difficulties, and a little, perhaps, because of the difficulties that beset the task, the men of Anglo-Saxon blood across the Atlantic will "take up the white man's burden" in the Philippines as they have taken it up in Cuba, and that the incidents of the last couple of days will strengthen their determination to do so without delay. The extraordinarily rapid change for the better in Cuba, described by our Havana correspondent to-day, should encourage them to come to this decision. Within three months, in circumstances of unusual difficulty, the tact and administrative ability of a single American official appear to have completely changed the attitude of the leading Cubans toward the United States.

It is with intense satisfaction that the people of this country will recognize in our correspondent's account of Mr. Gould's achievements the result of the qualities which have made English imperial policy, in Admiral Dewey's words, so great a factor in the civilization of mankind. If our cousins across the Atlantic can turn out a sufficiently large number of administrators of this stamp, they will find the business of ruling their "new-caught sullen peoples" onerous, no doubt, and sometimes repugnant, but a task too, which brings its own reward. They will do in the Philippines, more slowly perhaps, and with greater effort, what they seem to be now doing in Cuba. They will help on the cause of civilization and hold high the name and credit of their race amongst mankind.

Methodists Changing.

Outlook: The time was when the service of the Methodist churches was as plain as that of the Quakers. But that is changing, and now the followers of Wesley worship in beautiful buildings, elaborately decorated, and often have a service which in many respects shows the effect of the time-spirit as much as the architecture. One of the most prominent Methodist churches in New York has for some time, we are informed, had a vested choir, and that in a church which, in its constant ministry to those classes in the community most often neglected, has been true to the traditions of Methodism. Now we are informed that the Centenary, the old First, and the Wabash Avenue Methodist Episcopal churches, in Chicago, have all adopted the plan of having vested choirs. The vestment will be a flowing black gown much like the Oxford student dress.

A Deadly Parallel.

Philadelphia Ledger: "History," says Senator Allen, speaking of William J. Bryan, "will rank him with Webster and Clay, as one of the greatest statesmen this country has produced." It will certainly rank him with those distinguished men in one respect at least. All three aspired to the presidency, and failed to reach it. But in other respects, Mr. Bryan has got to show himself worthy of the extravagant eulogy of the senator from his state.

Reconciliation.

Detroit Free Press: "We had a frightful quarrel; he told me I was no spring chicken."

"Shameful! What did you say?"

"Well—I told him that he wasn't the only canned mushroom in the market."

A Difference.

Philadelphia North American: "It pains me to have to punish you," said the boy's father.

"Yes, but not in the same place, daddy," replied the knowing boy.

Primed for Gossip.

Yonkers Statesman: Bacon—That woman going along on the other side looks as if she knew it all.

Egbert—I guess she does; she's been down calling on my wife.

From Pancrepan to Calococan.

From Pancrepan to Ovaro,
 From Tondo on the bay;
 From Santa Cruz to Sampaloe,
 And back by Mandalay;
 From Pangasinan to Valero,
 From Misol to what fun,
 From Crinita to Calococan,
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SLANGY OFFICE BOY

Personated a Preacher—He will Telephone Himself After This.

A local clergyman was down town one of the recent ultra-zero mornings, and desiring to call upon a parishioner whose place of business is on Water street, he stepped into the office of another parishioner on the avenue, near Erie street, with the intention of calling up the Water street man by 'phone and finding out how long he would be in his office.

The avenue parishioner was not in. His office boy had the big room all to himself.

"My lad," said the pastor, "I wish you would call up Mr. Dash, main 'steennought, and ask him how long he will be in his office, and if he isn't there find out when he will be in. My fingers are so cold I don't think I could hold the receiver."

"Yes, sir," said the polite boy. "Who shall I say wants to know?"

"Rev. Mr. Blank," replied the pastor as he drew up a chair beside the steam radiator, relates the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Pretty soon he heard the boy say: "Is this the main 'steennought?"

There was a brief silence. Then the boy went on:

"Yes, yes, I've got 'em—Hullo! Is the boss in?—what's that? Who's this talking? Why, it's the Rev. Mr. Blank. No, Blank—Blank, Blank, Blank!—What's the matter with you, Lizzie? This is the Rev. Mister Blank! Got it?—Don't get funny, girly. What do I want to know? Say, I asked you that half an hour ago. Is the old man in?—who is it talking? Well, I'll be jiggered! Now, take off your ear-muffs, Mabel, an' do a little listenin' act. This is the Rev. Mr. Blank. Oh, you've got it now, have you, birdie? So kind of you—yes, yes, I'll forgive you this once. Now, agitate your Cinderellas into the old man's office and see if he's there. Yes, tell him the Rev. Mr. Blank is at the 'phone an' wants to know if he's out. Don't be idlin' round when there's souls to save. Get a hustle on you."

At this point the pastor got so fidgety that he walked over to the 'phone.

"Just hold on a minute, my boy," he beseechingly cried.

But the boy waved him aside.

"I'm getting him," he said.

Then he turned back to the 'phone.

"Who's this?" he cried. "Who? Mr. Bunner? I don't want you—yes, this is the Rev. Mister Blank. Blank, Blank, Blank. Who's swearing? Don't get fresh, Bunner. Yes, Rev. Mister Blank. Yes, reverend. Preacher, you know; be good—go to church—Friday evening prayer meetin'. Got it? Yes, this is him. Is Old Dash in? There, don't get gay. What's that? Won't be back for three months? You ain't at the 'phone an' that's all. Yes, it's quite enough. Funny Bunner. By by."

And the boy slammed the receiver into its hook.

Then he turned to the perspiring clergyman and deferentially remarked:

"Mr. Dash has just stepped out, sir, an' won't be back for three months."

After this the worthy pastor will endeavor, whenever possible, to do his own telephoning.

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

It is quite natural for a pretty girl to dress to kill when she goes out sleighing.—Philadelphia North American.

Encouraging Probity.—Lady of the House—Here's a fish in this milk. Milkman—Keep it for your honesty.—Puck.

The New Version.—Maxim—Only the good die young, you know. Brattle—Oh, no. Only the young die good.—Philadelphia North American.

Cumso.—What a sweet wife young Fosdick has. Where did he meet her? Cawker—Their chain of matrimony was forged on the golf links.—Detroit Free Press.

Grimsby—So you are going to make a pianist of your son? Has he an ear for music? Filmsby—I don't know anything about his ear, but see what a head of hair he's got.—Boston Transcript.

In Washington.—First Lobbyist.—The senator says he can't support our bill without being inconsistent. Second Lobbyist.—Well, he ought to have sense enough to be inconsistent before it is too late.—Puck.

"I want to ask one more question," said little Frank, as he was being put to bed. "Well," acquiesced the tired mamma. "When holes come in stockings, what becomes of the piece of stocking that was there before the hole came?—Tilt-Bits.

The grand dame was visibly affected. "If I give you five cents will you get intoxicated with it?" she asked feebly. The unfortunate started as if stung. "No, no, no!" he protested wildly. "I'll take it home to my wife, and she will probably give a codillion with it!" There were tears in his voice, and a man's tears, you know, are impressive.—Detroit Journal.

The Coming Man.

A pair of very chubby legs,
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 A pair of sturdy little boots,
 With rather doubtful toes,
 A little kilt, a little coat—
 Cut as a mother can—
 And lo! before you stands in state
 The future's "coming man."

His eyes, perchance, will read the stars,
 And search the unknown ways;
 Perchance the human heart and soul
 Will open to their gaze;
 Perchance their keen and flashing glance
 Will be a nation's light;
 Those eyes that now are wistful bent
 On some "big fellow's kite."

Ah, blessing on those little hands
 Whose work is yet undone
 And blessing on those little feet
 Whose race is yet unrun!
 And blessing on the little brain
 That has not learned to play
 What'er the future holds in store,
 God bless the "coming man."
 —Chicago Times-Herald.

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